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SUBJ: LABOR DEPT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: RAUL SOSA
RODRIGUEZ, NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES (NCHR)

REF: CARACAS 8908; MUTH/ LEADER TELECON SEP 23

1. AS INDICATED TELECON, SOSA RODRIGUEZ WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE VISIT WEEK OF OCT 2. HE IS PREPARED ARRIVE WASHINGTON NIGHT OF OCT 4 FOR TWO RPT TWO-DAY PROGRAM OCT 5-7. HE MIGHT BE ABLE SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME OCT 7 IF ESSENTIAL. HE WANTS TO DECIDE THAT IN WASHINGTON. HE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT BOOKING HIM IN HYATT REGENCY NIGHTS OF OCT 4-6. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR CONVERSATIONS IN DEPT OF LABOR'S BAT, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DIVISION, BLS, HEW OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, US AND DC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE SOUND GOOD. IF YOU CONSIDER IT PRODUCTIVE, VISIT TO NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MANPOWER POLICY WOULD GIVE HIM LOOK AT ORGANIZATION THAT THEORETICALLY IS MOST COMPARABLE TO HIS OWN. HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE TO HOST LUNCH WITH SENIOR LABOR DEPT OFFICIALS IN VIEW SOSA RODRIGUEZ' CONSIDERABLE STATUS HERE.

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2. RODRIGUEZ VIEWS OCT 6 VISIT AS EXPLORATORY TO LEARN AREAS IN WHICH FURTHER EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS WITH US MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN HUMAN RESOURCES FIELD. AS INDICATED BEFORE HE MAY BE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL SERVICES IN MANPOWER DATA BANK DEVELOPMENT UNDER REIMBURSABLE COUNTRY SERVICES. IN SHORTER RUN HE HOPES SEND PERSON ASSOCIATED

WITH COUNCIL, PROBABLY MRS GLADYS TREJO, DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT, MINISTRY OF LABOR (VICE GRAJAL) FOR MORE EXTENSIVE FOLLOW-UP ON HIS VISIT. WE HAVE ALERTED HM TO OCT 23 - NOV 16 BLS ECONOMIC GROWTH STUDIES SEMINAR WHICH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR MEMBER OF HIS STAFF.

3. IN RESPONSE YOUR REQUEST WE HAVE SENT COPY OF NHRC MARCH 77 REPORT TO DAN LAZORCHICK, ILAB, FOR BACKGROUND ON ORGANIZATION. HERE IS A SUMMARY OF ITS CHARTER. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF HUMAN RESOURCES WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976 AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA ON POLICIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN CONNECTION WITH VENEZUELA'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THE COUNCIL CHAIRED BY ITS PRESIDENT, RAUL SOSA RODRIGUEZ, INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, LABOR; THE CENTRAL OFFICE COORDINATION AND PLANNING, THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (INCE), THE EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT AND FROM BUSINESS AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

THE PHYSICAL STAFF OF THE NCHR IS SMALL, NUMBERING ABOUT 18 BUT IT CAN CALL ON THE FULL RESOURCES OF THE GOVT AND ITS PRIVATE MEMBERS IN DEVELOPING STATISTICS, ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE TRAINING AND UTILIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTEXT OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THE COUNCIL IS A PRODUCT OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVT'S CONVICTION THAT THE MOST VITAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY ARE ITS PEOPLE AND THEIR SKILLS. ALTHOUGH ITS CHARTER LIMITS ITS ACTIVITIES TO AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, ITS COORDINATING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANPOWER POLICY MAKES IT THE FOCAL POINT OF VENEZUELA'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

4. BIO DATA ON SOSA RODRIGUEZ FOLLOWS. BORN NOV 3, 1929. RECEIVED BA FROM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, MASTERS AND DOCTORATE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA. TAUGHT ECONOMICS IN THE ANDRES BELLO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND SIMON BOLIVAR UNIVERSITY. HE HAS PUBLISHED "STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA" (DROZE, GENEVA 1963 IN FRENCH). HE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1962 SERVING AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN PARIS WITH THE VENEZUELAN MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, AND AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN THE MISSION TO UN SPECIAL AGENCIES IN GENEVA. IN 1967 HE BECAME ADVISER TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. THROUGH THIS PERIOD HE SERVED ON A NUMBER OF SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, FOR EXAMPLE TO THE FIRST UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN 1964. HE JOINED

THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN 1969 AND SERVED AS A DIRECTOR OF A
NUMBER OF PRIVATE COMPANIES, PERIODICALS AND BANKS AND HAS
BEEN ON NUMEROUS NATIONAL AND INTERANATIONL COMMISSIONS AS
A PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE. HE WAS NAME PRESIDENT OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN 1976. HE IS
MARRIED AND HAS 2 CHILDREN. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.
FULL CURRICULUM VITAE IS BEING POUCHED TO DAN LAZORCHICK, ILAB.

5. REQUEST DEPT CONVEY SCHEDLE OF MEETINGS ASAP SO
WE CAN CONFIRM WITH HIM. SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT HIM IN NEW YORK
OCT 3 OR 4 AT BLACKSTONE HOTEL, 355-4200 OR 212-
752-0969 (ARAGUS SERVICES) TO VERIFY HIS ARRIVAL
PLANS WASHINGTON, HE ALSO PLANS PHONE LAZORCHICK OR MUTH.
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